

Circle of Mercy

SAINT MARY HOME | THE MCAULEY

Summer 2013

Saint Mary Home Achieves Five-Star Quality Rating!

The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services once again have given Saint Mary Home their highest rating: Five Stars. The system, accessible to the public at www.medicare.gov, rates nursing homes on a scale considering regulatory compliance, health inspections, staffing data, and selected measures of quality. The ratings system then combines the three categories for an overall rating, which results in this “Five-Star Rating System.”

In learning the news, Bill Fiocchetta issued the following response to all colleagues: “Congratulations to all for achieving such an outstanding rating – it doesn’t get any better than that! I fully appreciate the tremendous amount of dedication, focus and hard work every day, all year long, that it takes to achieve Five-Star status. You did it, and you deserve commendations and our thanks. On behalf of The Mercy Community Board of Trustees and the Senior Management Team, I thank you for a job well done. I am sure that you know, even if it is not said aloud, that our residents and their families greatly appreciate the exceptional care, comfort and peace of mind that you give them each and every day. I hope that you are proud of the healing and transforming presence that you are to those we serve – I know that I am very proud of each of you.”





WE CELEBRATE MERCY WEEK 2013 SEPTEMBER 22 – 27

Please join us for any or all of the events in the weeklong series listed below as we commemorate the day in 1827 when Catherine McAuley opened The House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland for homeless girls and women. Today, the Mercy tradition lives on and grows all over the world.

Sunday, September 22nd

Walk to End Alzheimer's – 99 Trinity Street, Hartford (Bushnell Park.) Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; the walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's research starts at 10:00 a.m. We welcome all to join our "Angels of Mercy" team by registering in advance with Cassie Walker in our Department of Therapeutic Recreation, cwalker.smh@mchct.org or 860.570.8223.

Irish to the Last Drop – 6:30 p.m., Saint Mary Home Auditorium; free and open to the public.

Monday, September 23rd

A Reflection by Peggy Luby, RSM: The Gift of Mercy, 2:00 p.m., Archbishop John F. Whealon Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy, 3rd floor, Saint Mary Home; free and open to the public.

Tuesday, September 24th

Performance in Honor of Mercy Day by Sound of New England Chorus, a division of Sweet Adelines International, 7:00 p.m., Saint Mary Home Auditorium; free and open to the public.

Thursday, September 26th

Performance by Irish Step Dancers from The Griffith Academy, 6:30 p.m., Saint Mary Home Auditorium; free and open to the public.

Friday, September 27th

Performance by Double Play (flute and tuba,) 2:00 p.m., The McAuley Auditorium. Free; because seating is limited, reserve your spot by calling 860.920.6323.

“... our campus has been bustling with activity, opportunity, and good news”

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



This summer has been a time of refreshment on The Mercy Community campus, but perhaps not in the sense you might imagine. While many of us have taken some time for vacation during these long days, our campus has been bustling with activity, opportunity, and good news. You will learn much more about that as you turn the pages of this issue of *Circle of Mercy*.

By now, you have seen the proud proclamation emblazoned on our cover page: Saint Mary Home achieved the top honors bestowed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – a five-star quality rating. CMS’ main objective in implementing the quality rating system is to give families a standard for comparing skilled nursing facilities, and our caregivers and professional colleagues at Saint Mary Home work diligently every day of the year to create results and a culture of care that goes above and beyond “average.” We are gratified that CMS recognizes these efforts – and we are emboldened to reach even further to provide the finest-quality, most compassionate care possible for our residents and clients. In this issue and in its companion, the *2013 Annual Report of Giving*, you will hear directly from families like the Loudens of West Hartford, from residents of both Saint Mary Home and The McAuley, and from our colleagues just how well we are succeeding with those goals.

Even our physical campus has been “refreshed” during the past several months. We have installed the final plantings in the new Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Entrance area at Saint Mary Home, and we now look forward to Archbishop Henry J. Mansell blessing and dedicating the new “Gateway to The Mercy Community” this fall. At that time, Archbishop Mansell will also bless and formally open our gorgeous new palliative care garden and fountain courtyards at Saint Mary Home; you will receive full coverage of this in our next issue. Despite the heat, our team also completed a full repaving of The McAuley’s roads and parking lots – and what an improvement it is! I thank Paul Strycharz, director of facilities at Saint Mary Home, who designed and coordinated installation of the palliative care courtyards, and Jesse Meyers, director of facilities at The McAuley, for his oversight of the paving project. Projects like these that require us to close areas of our campus to our residents and colleagues for many days can be extremely challenging; both Paul and Jesse carefully and expertly handled this work, keeping convenience and safety for our residents their first priority.

As I express my gratitude to our colleagues for their dedication through the summer months, I also want to thank each of you for your support. Your generosity in giving to our Annual Fund, Golf Outing, volunteer efforts and resident/client programs is well-documented in these publications. We truly couldn’t do all the good we do without your assistance or prayers. Thank you very much for being such an integral part of The Mercy Community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Fiocchetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. Fiocchetta, President and CEO

The McAuley Focuses on Achieving a Healthy Lifestyle



Fitness instructor Betty Pugliese begins her Cane & Able class



Residents enjoyed the healthy lunch served for National Senior Health & Fitness Day

On May 29, The McAuley served as a host site for National Senior Health & Fitness Day. Residents enjoyed a healthy continental breakfast, then headed off to a “boot camp” exercise class called “Cane & Able!” Later that morning, they took a bus ride to nearby Elizabeth Park in Hartford, where they took a walk in the blooming perennial gardens. They could attend lectures on everything from *Feng Shui* to Reiki, then enjoyed a healthy lunch served in The McAuley Dining Room.

During the afternoon, graduate students from the University of Saint Joseph’s School of Pharmacy talked with residents about medical interactions and nutrition, and leaders of civic groups, medical professionals and other providers of senior services set up booths to encourage them to approach their “wellness” with a number of different approaches and screenings.

According to Sue LeMay, director of Health and Wellness for The McAuley, “Janet Finney (director of Activities) and I wanted this to be a day that would be beneficial to our residents, giving them the opportunity to understand not only the importance of staying active and fit, but also how much fun it can be to do it! What I really love about this event is that it also brings many of our local health professionals and civic organizations into The McAuley, giving our residents a look at the resources available in our community and giving those resources a really good sense of our residents’ lifestyles and needs. I firmly believe that staying engaged in their community is a big part of our seniors’ health regimens.” Together, Sue and Janet spent several months coordinating the day-long event in conjunction with the nation’s largest older adult health and fitness initiative. 2013 marked the twentieth anniversary of National Senior Health & Fitness Day.



Resident Sol Yazmer meets friends from the University of Saint Joseph

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Joke Trzaskos from The McAuley led residents on a garden tour at Elizabeth Park

On the Greens for Good Causes

Circle of Mercy Golf Outing

Benefits The Mercy Community

and its Collaborative Venture with

Hartford's Saint Elizabeth House



Margaret Ann Mathis, RSM, played on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy

The Mercy Community held its 13th Annual Circle of Mercy Golf Outing at The Hartford Golf Club Monday, June 10. A field of 120 golfers took part in the scramble tournament, and, despite threatening skies, they played the full 18 holes without interference from Mother Nature. After the tournament, golfers and guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, Silent Auction including a BiddingforGood.com mobile bidding kiosk, and an extraordinary dinner in the Club's main dining room.

Joe Cuticelli, Regional Vice President for Sodexo Health Care's Northeast Division, served as featured speaker. Joe highlighted the partnership between The Mercy Community and Sodexo, placing special emphasis on their collaborative efforts with St. Elizabeth House, a family center and soup kitchen located in downtown Hartford. "Your dollars make an incredible difference in what colleagues at The Mercy Community can do to serve each and every day, both in West Hartford and in Hartford," Joe told those gathered. *See box on opposite page for more about how the Outing benefitted St. Elizabeth House.*

Bill Fiocchetta thanked sponsors and dinner guests for their support of all who live at and receive services from The McAuley and Saint Mary Home. "The proceeds from the Circle of Mercy Golf Outing greatly assist us in being a place that seniors can depend on for high quality retirement living and health care. Through your participation in this event, you join us in continuing the Sisters' Mission to provide shelter, comfort, and healing to the elderly – and in particular, to the elderly poor," he said.



Carl Saraceni, Phil Murray, Daria Mauro and Joe Cuticelli represented the tournament's Title Sponsor, Sodexo.



Betty Waypa, CT Lego KidsFest and Allan Newman, Colana Sports Group



Sally Giuca from the Adult Day Center came ready for the elements and left as the winner of the Women's Longest Drive Contest.



Sister Maureen Reardon, Karen Tallis, Dining Services Manager at Saint Mary Home, and Sister Pat McKeon

Tournament Winner

The Mercy Community, together with Sodexo Health Care, are pleased to announce their July 31 donation of \$1500 to St. Elizabeth House, a ministry of Mercy Housing & Shelter in Hartford. The Sodexo Health Care Facilities and Dining Team at The Mercy Community ran a special fundraiser at the recent Circle of Mercy Golf Outing to benefit the soup kitchen and services.

"This helps us provide more nutritious food for our clients. With the costs of food and delivery surcharges rising, we need support in order to be able to provide people with healthy and delicious meals. This is a significant gift and we hope that it will raise awareness of a critical need for our ministry and for those we serve," said Sister Patricia McKeon, Executive Director at Mercy Housing & Shelter in Hartford.

"We are very proud of and invested in our collaboration with St. Elizabeth House," added Sister Maureen Reardon, Senior Vice President and Chief Mission and Compliance Officer for The Mercy Community. "The work we do together to serve people in need is very meaningful to both our organizations."

Partnering with NBC on Building a Healthier Community



Once again, The Mercy Community was a proud sponsor of NBC Connecticut's Health & Wellness Expo. The event, held at the Connecticut Convention Center March 9 and 10, attracted more than 20,000 visitors over two days. Illustrating the benefits of its new Pulmonary Care Program, The Mercy Community presented the MegaLungs exhibit. Colleagues at Saint Mary Home and The McAuley spoke with guests about lung health and the full complement of skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living options available through The Mercy Community.

Taking a Fire Truck Down the Bunny Trail

A gray, chilly day did not deter colleagues or the children in their lives from taking part in The Mercy Community's first Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of Saint Mary Home March 23. The Therapeutic Recreation team hid 2000 candy-filled eggs, and dozens of children skilfully retrieved them. After the Hunt, children visited cupcake decorating stations, where they used their creative talents and then enjoyed every last bite of their artistry! To the delight of attendees small and not-so-small, the Easter Bunny rode in on a Town of West Hartford firetruck to greet and pose with admirers. Firefighters chatted with the children about fire prevention and gave them a full tour of the truck.

This event was a collaboration among the departments of Therapeutic Recreation, Dining Services, Nursing, Pastoral Care and Maintenance/Housekeeping. According to Saint Mary Home Administrator Pat Hamill, the afternoon was such a success that next year, the group intends to reach out to the local community to invite even more children and families to join in on the holiday fun.





Coffee, Tea, & Symphony

On March 6, a quartet from the Hartford Symphony Orchestra performed for The McAuley residents. This was one of four performances the HSO gave in the A Building Lounge this spring. “It’s very exciting to hear even the small groups in person,” said The McAuley’s Activities Director, Janet Finney, adding “it’s always very intimate.”

Spring Syllabi

The McAuley presented a two-day session called “Arts and Archaeology in April” this spring. On April 4, Dorothy Keller, M.Ed., chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Saint Joseph, presented the slide/lecture presentation “Impressionism: Exploring Sunlight and Color in 19th Century French Painting.” The next day, Richard Freund, Ph.D., director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies and Greenberg Professor of Jewish History at the University of Hartford delivered his lecture “Digging through History: Archaeology and Religion from Atlantis to the Holocaust.”



The University of Hartford’s Presidents’ College inaugurated The McAuley Lecture Series in early 2013. On January 25, Louis Manzione, dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture, opened the series with his lecture “Cyberspace and Innerspace: The Role of the Internet and Nanotechnology in Creating a Sustainable Future.” Humphrey Tonkin, University Professor of Humanities and President *Emeritus*, broached the topic of “What is a Language?” on February 22, addressing conundrums and common misperceptions of language. *Emeritus* Professor of English Catherine Stevenson addressed: “Searching for Shangri-La, the Hidden Paradise” on March 22. On April 26, John Feierabend, professor of music education and director of the Division of Music Education at The Hartt School, delighted residents of The McAuley with his lecture “Whatever Happened to Little Miss Muffet? Music in Early Childhood.”

Borden Painter, professor of History and President *Emeritus* of Trinity College, returned to The McAuley in January and February to offer the course “The Emergence of Modern Europe: From the Age of Faith to the Age of Reason” through Trinity’s Academy of Lifelong Learning.



Dr. Humphrey Tonkin at The McAuley



Indelible



Director of Clinical/Nursing Services Aysha Kuhlör, Bill Fiocchetta and Sister Maureen Reardon gratefully accept a painting commissioned by Reverend Dr. Molly Louden and W. Bruce Louden (at center).

When the Reverend Dr. Molly Louden and W. Bruce Louden, Esq. decided to say “thank you” to Saint Mary Home for the quality of care Bruce’s mother, Martha Payne, received during her years as a resident, they found a truly beautiful way to do it. In January, they delivered a framed original work of art, *Come Rest Awhile*, painted by Mary Daly, RSM, and spent time with the team who had cared for Martha. Because not all members of the team were working that day, the Loudens returned April 1 to express their thanks to the rest of the professional caregivers and to watch as *Come Rest Awhile* was installed on East Two – the unit where Martha lived for five years until her death in November 2012 at the age of 100.

Shortly after Martha passed away, Molly and Bruce contacted the nursing supervisor, to extend thanks for what they characterized as the kind and loving care Martha received. “We told the supervisor that we would

like to do something to show our appreciation,” Molly said. Originally, the Loudens considered donating a new refrigerator to the colleague break room. It was their friend Sister Carmela Garofalo who suggested going in another direction. “She’s the one who said to us: ‘What about a piece of art?’ And instantly, we loved it!” Molly said. “We thought we could bring art into Saint Mary Home so that there was something beautiful and spiritual for the staff to look at.”

The Loudens turned to Sister Mary Daly, theologian and artist-in-residence at Mercy Center in Madison, CT. “She’s someone who is enthusiastic about art and its healing power,” Molly explained. The Loudens commissioned her to render a pastoral scene, and Sister Mary depicted a peaceful glimpse of a sunny spot at Mercy Center. “I like that it says ‘Come Rest Awhile,’” Molly confided. “It looks as though there may have been someone sitting in that

Housekeeper Ramona Perez welcomes Reverend Dr. Molly Louden back to the East Two Unit



Impression, Expression



Members of the East Two clinical team installed the work of art in April.



chair...someone who isn't here anymore."

At the January gathering, Molly and Bruce publically acknowledged Saint Mary Home nursing, housekeeping, and social services colleagues. "We know that Martha was a real character," Molly told them, chuckling. "She did everything she could to become 100. Now, we know she's with God. We miss her, and I have to tell you, it's good to be back here. It must be hard for you to see people regularly for five years, and then suddenly, not to see them anymore."

Several team members nodded. Social worker Risa Lazur responded: "It makes us happy to see you again, too. You were both Martha's best advocates."

"The work you do is important," Molly acknowledged. "It's hard work. It's physical and emotional. We want the painting to give you a sense of peace."

"This staff was so consistent," Bruce said later. "It was the same caregivers throughout the week who were there for her – they knew her and she them. They knew what she needed and wanted. They worked hard all the time, but we could also see that they were happy people and that they were supportive of each other."

"We had such confidence that she was well cared for and she was safe," Molly agreed. "There's no better feeling."

"We are grateful to both of you for this generous gift that will raise the spirits of our colleagues, residents, and all who visit East Two," Bill Fiocchetta told the Loudens. "It will serve as a perpetual reminder of Martha and of the special relationship her family forged with our caregivers. Thank you so much for the many ways you have just brightened us up at Saint Mary Home."



Bruce Loudon thanks Roslyn Benjamin for being such a devoted caregiver to his mother.

The McAuley's and Saint Mary Home's Volunteers Regaled with Unforgettable Jazz Performance



On April 24, The Mercy Community recognized National Volunteer Week by honoring its volunteers with a *hors d'oeuvres* reception and musical performance by nationally renowned musicians Donn Trenner, on piano, and Chris DePino on chromatic harmonica.

Donn Trenner is an Emmy-nominated musical director, conductor, arranger who came up in the ranks of early bebop pianists, playing with the likes of Charlie Parker, Stan Getz, and other greats, appearing on more than 100 jazz albums from 1950 onward. During the Big Band era, he played with Ted Fio Rito, Buddy Morrow, Charlie Barnett and Tommy Dorsey. While with the Les Brown Orchestra, he worked with Bob Hope for seven years as his personal accompanist and occasional music director, participating in six of the Bob Hope International Christmas tours.

A much sought-after musical director, Donn Trenner appeared nightly on the famed "Steve Allen Show," leading the Donn Trenner Orchestra. He was also Ann-Margret's musical director for 18 years. He worked extensively touring with Shirley MacLaine, which led to an Emmy Award nomination for music direction, arranging and conducting the television special, "Gypsy In My Soul," and in 1977, a three-hour television special from the Kennedy Center on the eve of Jimmy Carter's Inauguration.

Chris DePino is well-known as former Chairman of Connecticut's Republican Party and as a State Legislator. As a young man, Chris taught himself how to play harmonica, then was awarded a scholarship to Turtle Bay Music School, where he honed his skills and deepened his affinity for jazz harmonica. Now, he is an accomplished player of the chromatic harmonica, his instrument of choice for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception performance. "Donn and I are thrilled to be here today, to honor the Sisters of Mercy and all of you who volunteer. You provide a gift from your hearts through service, and we want to give you a gift that comes from our hearts in return," Chris told the audience.

In her opening remarks, Sister Maureen reflected on the enhanced meaning of this year's recognition ceremony. She said:

"Like many of you, as I prepared to be at today's Volunteer Appreciation Reception, I became increasingly aware of how perfectly timed this event feels. Each year, we share with you our gratitude for this annual opportunity to formally thank each one of you who so generously contributes your time and generous spirit to make life better for our residents, clients, and colleagues.

This April, as we recently have witnessed the heroics of volunteers in Boston, Texas, China and countless other corners of our globe, it seems especially fitting to celebrate the goodness of people who serve others." She also shared Dutch priest, author and professor Henri Nouwen's words from his book *The Road to Daybreak: A Spiritual Journey*: "When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares." Sister Maureen commented: "This is precisely the role our Compassionate Companions and so many others of you take on when you agree to volunteer at The Mercy Community. However you give of yourself, you are an important partner with us in care, and we are grateful to you."

Karen Tallis and Nicole Kaya led the Saint Mary Home Dining Services in providing a lovely feast for the honorees.



Residents from The McAuley enjoy the Volunteer Appreciation Reception



Poetry Curve

We thank the Reverend Henry C. Frascadore for contributing the following poem, which will be included in his upcoming book, *Conversations after Sunset*, scheduled for publication in September. Those interested in purchasing copies may do so through Amazon.com or The Hartford Public Library.



Isaiah 44:15

The Lord said
I have carved you on the palm of my hand
I read that and immediately looked
at my palm
And sure enough I saw the carved
lines going every which way
Some curved
others straight
Some long
others short
And they crisscross
one another
stop abruptly
then continue on down to my wrist
The Lord's carvings resemble the
twists and turns of my daily life
When I awake I never know what's in store
Things that I think predictable
change suddenly
And I have to be ready for the quick turnaround

But
And this is an important but
The Lord is right there
ready to help me handle the sudden
turn of events—
the sharp corners
the abrupt stops
that's if I trust in his ever-presence
And the more I studied the palm of my hand
I began to see in it
the story of my life
There are no predictable roadways
no assurances that there won't be bumps in the way
The only predictable thing is that
if I hold my hand steady
and cup it
my fingers bend upwards
letting me know that
The Lord is there ready to catch me
at the end of the journey

Showing Reverence for our Environment

The Mercy Community recently participated in the Energize CT energy efficiency program, after installing new high efficiency self-condensing gas-fired boiler units, and new hot water tanks for The Frances Warde Towers Apartments. The project accounts for the heating of all 97 apartments and two commercial kitchens in the building, and will save The Mercy Community approximately 58% in gas usage on an annual basis. Based on the new boilers' 92% efficiency rating, a \$30,000 rebate was given to The Mercy Community through the state and utility-funded program.



The next time you're on Facebook, please take a moment to visit and "like" The Mercy Community's page. Just enter "The Mercy Community" into the search bar and click on the "like" button. We'll be maintaining this page as a senior health and wellness resource and hot spot for news and photos.

Walking the Healing Journey at The Mercy Community



Dr. Elisa Gil-Pires, Medical Director for The Mercy Community, explains the palliative approach at the May Community Roundtable Discussion.

On Thursday, May 23, The Mercy Community hosted the third in its series of Community Roundtable Discussions on Issues in Aging. Dr. Elisa Gil-Pires, Medical Director for The Mercy Community and Section Chief of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care for Saint Francis Medical Group, Inc. in Hartford, presented “Walking the Healing Journey: Palliative Care” at The McAuley. Dr. Gil-Pires defined palliative care as “any form of medical care or treatment that concentrates on reducing the severity of disease symptoms, rather than striving to halt, delay or reverse the progression of the disease itself, or provide a cure.” She illustrated the differences between palliative care and hospice care with the support of panelists Coreen Sunde and Sara Szafranski from McLean Hospice Care. Sister Ellen Flynn from the Pastoral Care Team at Saint Mary Home talked about the important role spirituality can play in a palliative plan of care for both patients and their

families. As the leader of the Compassionate Companions program at Saint Mary Home, Sister Ellen also shared this newly-formed group’s purpose as a healing presence for residents and clients from all beliefs and faith traditions. Following the presentation, the audience engaged the panelists in a lively discussion.

Our Names in Lights

In July, The Mercy Community saw the completion of the first phase of its campus signage program, as professionals installed updated signs at the Steele Road and Albany Avenue entrances. New signage directing visitors to the Adult Day Center and Short-Term Rehabilitation was affixed to lampposts on Steele Road, and a limestone monument is now fixed at the corner of Steele and Albany. “We are very proud of our heightened visibility within the neighborhood,” Bill Fiocchetta said. “We’re also thankful for all those who lent their expertise and input into this project. We spent two years in discussions with our own signage committee, which consisted of Trustees, our marketing and advertising consultants at Mascola Group, and with colleagues, as well as with some of our own neighbors, who helped us determine how best to present ourselves to the greater community.”

AdamsAhern Sign Solutions in Hartford designed and fabricated the signs. The final phase of the program will involve installing wayfinding signage inside The Mercy Community’s pathways and buildings.



Trinity Health and Catholic Health East Become Consolidated System

On May 1, 2013, Trinity Health and Catholic Health East (sponsoring corporation of The Mercy Community) announced the consolidation of the two health care systems to create one of the nation's largest Catholic health systems, serving patients and communities in 21 states.

"Today, by bringing Catholic Health East and Trinity Health together, we have enhanced our ability to create innovative models of care and advance clinical quality across the continuum," said Judith Persichilli, interim president and CEO of the new organization. "The consolidation will help address the rapidly changing health care environment that requires more focus on population health and the delivery of more coordinated and integrated care and health and wellness services. We are confident that we will be a transforming, healing presence in the communities we are privileged to serve."

The new organization will be based in Livonia, Mich., while maintaining a divisional office presence in Newtown Square, Pa., as the organization continues its integration. With annual operating revenues of about \$13.3 billion and assets of about \$19.3 billion, the new organization returns almost \$1 billion to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs.

"We are proud to celebrate coming together to form a new organization that has a shared mission, unwavering commitment to excellence in care and a strong, unified voice that will speak for what is best for our patients and residents, our communities, our care providers and our employees," said Larry Warren, interim chief operating officer of the new organization. "Our new ministry will work to innovate and transform to meet the demands of the changing health care environment while preserving the legacy handed down to us by our founding congregations."

For employees, the new ministry offers more long-term career opportunities by being part of a larger, financially stronger and more geographically diverse health system that is better able to compete successfully in today's health care marketplace.

Patients will benefit from the broader spectrum of resources and knowledge of the new ministry. The enterprise will maximize integrated care — sharing ideas, assets and expertise across 21 states for the communities it serves. It will use the scale of the organization to focus on quality and decrease costs.

The new ministry will enable access to enterprise resources to improve care and learn from each other, advancing excellence in clinical systems, evidenced-based practice and national buying power — while increasing access to strategic thought leaders who are experts in their field and who will support each of the facilities' vitality.

Physicians will have access to leading clinicians across 21 states, contributing to the new ministry's solution to health reform, clinical informatics and best clinical practices. Across the enterprise, they can share the just-in-time information that's necessary to provide the best patient care.

Catholic health care will benefit from a stronger, unified voice to advocate for better care, especially for those who are poor and vulnerable. The new ministry will collaborate and participate in innovative models for community health care, sharing ideas with partners throughout the country to help as many people as possible.

About the new organization

The new organization formed by the consolidation of Catholic Health East and Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. It serves people and communities in 21 states from coast to coast with 82 hospitals, 89 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs that provide nearly 2.8 million visits annually. It was formed in May 2013, when Trinity Health and Catholic Health East consolidated their ministries to strengthen their shared mission, increase excellence in care and advance transformative efforts with their unified voice. The consolidated ministry is committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities and is known for its focus on the country's aging population. For more information, visit either: www.trinity-health.org, www.che.org or www.newhealthministry.org.

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Sunday, September 8 / 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT
Transitions: Senior Living & Planning Expo. Visit our booth at this free public event and be sure to catch our own Jan Albetski's presentation "10 Things You Should Know About Assisted Living" at 11:45 a.m.

2:00– 4:00 p.m. / Saint Mary Home rear parking lot on Steele Road
Grandparents Day Celebration. Families, you are welcome to escort your beloved Saint Mary Home resident to this event, but must R.S.V.P. in advance to 860.570.8307. Entertainment and games for kids, Steel Drum Duo Caribbean Vibe will perform, and we'll have snacks and fun for young and young-at-heart!

Saturday, October 5 / 2:00 p.m. / University of Saint Joseph's Hoffman Auditorium
Live Taping of NPR Quiz Show "Says You!"
For tickets, call The Frances Driscoll Box Office at the University of Saint Joseph at 860.231.5555 or visit tickets.usj.edu to order online.
Museum Member/Student: \$16 Senior: \$20 General Admission: \$25/person

Friday, October 11 / 9:30 a.m. / Wilde Auditorium at the University of Hartford
I Remember Better When I Paint, an intriguing documentary film that explores the benefits of art therapy for those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Advance registration required; luncheon to follow screening. Seating is limited. Visit <http://library.hartford.edu/presidentscollege/registration/default.aspx> to register. A Connecticut Premiere Public Screening!

Sunday, November 3 / 10:00 a.m.
Archbishop John F. Whealon Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy, Saint Mary Home
Commemorative Candle Lighting Ceremony. The Mercy Community participates in this annual event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America to remember and honor Americans who have been or will be affected by Alzheimer's disease or related illnesses. It is held each November in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Local organizations hold inspirational ceremonies in their communities, uniting individuals from coast to coast as they light "candles of care." Our ceremony takes place during our November 3 Liturgy; people of all faith traditions are welcome to join us.

Who We Are...

Mercy Community Health (MCH) was founded by the Sisters of Mercy and is a member of Catholic Health East-Trinity Health. MCH is a faith-based organization that promotes wellness, embraces diversity, and enhances quality of life. As a health care provider and in partnership with the communities we serve, MCH respects and empowers individuals, restores health, provides comfort, and witnesses compassion and healing to all, especially the elderly poor. †

Please visit our website at

www.TheMercyCommunity.org



Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities—Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CARF—CCAC).

Saint Mary Home provides skilled nursing, rehabilitation, dementia, subacute, residential and adult day center.

- Admissions, Ellen Sanders-Nirenstein, RN (860-570-8269)
- Adult Day Center, Maryann Loveland (860-570-8234)

The McAuley is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) which promotes and fosters an independent lifestyle within a life care setting. The McAuley offers an Assisted Living Program for those residents who require more assistance with daily living.

- Marketing Directors Pat Kaplan (860-920-6304) or Janice Lohneiss (860-920-6346)

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